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Vocational Education
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government proposes to introduce vocational education as a full fledged subject in the Government schools;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the criteria laid down for selection of Government schools for introducing vocational education therein; and

(d) the time by which it is likely to be implemented?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
(SMT. SMRITI ZUBIN IRANI)

(a)&(b): The Government is implementing the scheme of Vocationalisation of secondary and higher secondary education under the umbrella of Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan from Class IXth onwards across the country. The scheme seeks to integrate vocational education with general academic education. The scheme is being implemented in the schools by the States/UTs and financial assistance is provided to them based on the proposals received. As per the provisions of the scheme, the vocational subjects are offered as an additional or compulsory subject at the secondary level i.e. Class IXth and Xth and as elective subjects at the higher secondary level i.e. Class XIth and XIIth. The major aim of the scheme is to prepare educated, employable and competitive human resource for various sectors of the economy and the global market. The specific objectives of the scheme are to enhance the employability of youth through demand driven competency based, modular vocational courses; to fill the gap between educated and employable; and to reduce the dropout rate at the secondary level. It envisages close partnership with the industry in the design, development, delivery, assessment and certification of skills content.

(c): The proximity between the schools and industry/employer is a major consideration in the selection of schools for implementation of the scheme. Every school is required to have linkage with some related enterprise/industry/farm/organization for hands-on training, specialized quality assurance and other relevant aspects. Further, while selecting schools preference is given to schools located in Special Focus Districts, Educationally Backward Blocks, Left Wing Extremism affected districts and in districts with high dropout rates at the secondary level.

(d): The scheme of Vocationalisation of secondary and higher secondary education is already being implemented in the country under Rashtriya Madhyamik Shiksha Abhiyan. Till 2015-16, 3654 schools across 31 States/UTs have been approved under the scheme.

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